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CHARGE CALLED IN BY RKG FONMIN 12:30 TODAY AND HANDED REPLY
SECRETARY'S LETTER (DETEL 468); INFORMAL TRANSLATION (UNNECESSARY
WORDS OMITTED) FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TRANSLATION

I HAVE HONOR TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT YOUR MESSAGE OF
MAY 3, 1965, BY WHICH YOU INFORM ME THAT USG NOTED WITH
REGRET RKG DECISION TO BREAK DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH US.

I AGREE WITH YOUR EXCELLENCY THAT IT USELESS NOW TO GO
OVER CAUSES WHICH LED RKG TO TAKE SUCH DECISION. THESE
CAUSES CLEARLY EXPRESSED MONDAY IN CHIEF OF STATE'S MESSAGE
TO NATION OF WHICH TRANSLATION HAS SURELY REACHED YOU.

I MUST, HOWEVER, EMPHASIZE THAT ACTIVITY OF VIETNAMESE
COMMUNIST ELEMENTS ON RKG/SVN FRONTIER DO NOT TAKE PLACE
ON CAMBODIAN TERRITORY AND THAT IN ANY CASE BOMBARDMENT OF
CAMBODIAN VILLAGE, SHELTERING NO SOLDIERS -- EVEN CAMBODIAN --
AND SITUATED ABOUT FIVE KILOMETERS FROM FRONTIER WITH VIET-NAM,
IS UNJUSTIFIABLE.

YOUR EXCELLENCY INFORMS ME THAT USG TAKES NOTE RKG CONSENT
TO ACCEPT MAINTENANCE OF CONSULAR RELATIONS BUT NOTES, HOWEVER,
THAT OUR GOVERNMENT "ENVISAGES THAT U.S. CONSULAR REPRESENTATION
IN PHNOM PENH WOULD HAVE ONLY PROVISIONAL CHARACTER" WHICH CANNOT
GIVE SATISFACTION TO USG.

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I WISH TO CLARIFY TO YOUR EXCELLENCY THE THOUGHT OF RKG ON THIS POINT.

CONSULATE (OR CONSULATE GENERAL) OF U.S., IF IT IS MAINTAINED (OR CREATED) IN PHNOM PENH, WILL HAVE DEFINITIVE LEGAL CHARACTER.

BUT IT IS ITS FUTURE THAT RKG COULD NOT GUARANTEE, BECAUSE THIS FUTURE WILL DEPEND SOLELY ON U.S. ATTITUDES TOWARD KINGDOM OF CAMBODIA.

IT IS CLEAR IN EFFECT THAT IF BOMBARDMENTS AND ARMED INCURSIONS OF AMERICAN/SOUTH VIETNAMESE FORCES RESUME AGAINST OUR TERRITORY OR IF IT (NOTE: RKG TERRITORY) IS SUBJECTED TO MILITARY OR ECONOMIC BLOCKAGE BY USG OR SAIGON AUTHORITIES, NO RELATIONS -- EVEN CONSULAR -- COULD CONTINUE (SUBSIST) BETWEEN CAMBODIA AND U.S. THESE ACTS OF MANIFEST HOSTILITY WOULD ANNUL ALL OUR SINCERE HOPES TO SEE PRESENT TENSION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES DISAPPEAR.

ON OTHER HAND, IF USG PUTS AN END TO BLOODY FRONTIER AGGRESSIONS, OF WHICH CAMBODIA VICTIM FOR ALMOST EIGHT YEARS, AND ACCORDS KINGDOM A LITTLE RESPECT AND CONSIDERATION -- AND WE BELIEVE THIS NOT TOO MUCH TO ASK -- NOT ONLY CONSULAR RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES COULD BE MAINTAINED, BUT WE MIGHT BE ABLE AGAIN HAVE NORMAL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, ERASING UNPLEASANT MEMORIES OF PAST.

I HOPE I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ANSWER YOUR PREOCCUPATIONS AND TO HAVE PREVENTED ANY NEW MISUNDERSTANDING BETWEEN US.

PLEASE ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, ASSURANCE MY HIGH CONSIDERATION.

SIGNED: KOUN WICK, RKG MINFONAFFRS.
END TRANSLATION.
BERGESEN

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